

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending June 15, 2013.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed [as compared to the same week last year](#).

"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

State/ county	2013	2012	Number change	Percent change
State	1,727	1,717	10	0.6%
Oahu	954	940	14	1.5%
Hawaii	363	371	-8	-2.2%
Maui	260	262	-2	-0.8%
Kauai	106	99	7	7.1%
Agent*	44	45	-1	-2.2%

* Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 0.6%, with this week's total filings of 1,727 and filings during the same week in 2012 of 1,717.

Comparing 2013 to 2012 for the counties:

- Oahu had 14 more claims filed
- Hawaii had 8 fewer claims filed
- Maui had 2 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 7 more claims filed
- *Agent had 1 fewer claims filed*

In percentage changes, comparing the current week to the same week a year ago:

- Oahu had a 1.5% increase
- Hawaii had a 2.2% decrease
- Maui had a 0.8% decrease
- Kauai had a 7.1% increase
- *Agent had a 2.2% decrease*

Source: HI State Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations; calculations by the HI State Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.